

Cites Duties of Parents.

Henry P. Blair, president of the board of education, outlined the duties of parents to their children in regard to school work at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Payne School last evening. Dr. W. S. Montgomery, supervising principal of the twelfth division, and Dr. Marie H. Lucas were also speakers.

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BRYAN ADVOCATES
WATERWAY POLICY

William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, unequivocally declared himself publicly as in sympathy with the advocates of river and harbor improvement legislation today at the opening of the eleventh annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in the ball room of the New Willard Hotel.

In a stirring speech, on the program as an "Address of Welcome," Mr. Bryan analyzed in plain words the opposition to and the advocacy of river and harbor improvement legislation which caused such a great fight at the last session of Congress, and which is already causing public uneasiness in Washington and all over the United States to line up in battle array for another and perhaps greater struggle at the present session of Congress.

"Every river and harbor bill is attacked," Mr. Bryan said, "not because of the principle involved or the policy embodied in it, but because of some projects in the bill which may open to criticism, and I want to say to you that I think the reason there are at times questionable projects in this bill, which thus bring odium on the whole bill, is because there is too much lethargy on the part of those who should support such a bill, so that the leaders in charge of it have to bring in the support of those in charge of questionable projects, who have an immediate interest, and who thus bring about the passage of the whole bill."

Describes Chinese Waterways.

Kai Fu Shah, minister from China, followed Mr. Bryan, describing the waterways of China, and he was followed by Albert Bettenger, an attorney of Cincinnati, who made the keynote speech of the convention, in reply to attacks on the rivers and harbors bills in Congress as "pork barrel measures," an address which was characterized as a presentation of "a brief in rebuttal."

Following Mr. Bettenger, Senator Russell of Indiana, who has introduced a bill for the improvement of the Ohio river, denied the charge made during the last session of Congress that the rivers and harbors organization is a lobby.

Many other addresses were delivered. C. W. Hodson of Portland, Ore., past supreme councillor of the United Commercial Travelers of America, spoke on "The Traveling Man's View." Lieut. Col. William L. Sibert, U. S. Engineer Corps, late member of the Panama canal commission, described his flood problem work in China for the American National Red Cross.

Senator Fletcher of Florida, Charles S. Deneen, former U. S. Senator, and Representative Moore of Pennsylvania made speeches, followed by Representative William G. Ten Eyck of New York and others.

DEALERS IN LARD
ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Discovery of alleged fraudulent practices by a number of Washington dealers in the sale of lard was reported today by the District health department.

Out of 110 establishments investigated, one in every seven was found to be selling a substitute lard as lard and charging prices which the pure product would bring, it is stated. The cases have been brought to the attention of the corporation counsel and prosecutions are expected to follow.

Food inspectors of the department recently investigated the sale of lard in every section of the District. One-half pound samples of the product were purchased at each of the 110 stores visited.

The samples were chemically analyzed with the result that sixteen approximately one out of every seven, were found to be lard, but a mixture sometimes described as "compound lard" and "lard substitute."

The prices charged for eleven of the sixteen adulterated articles, it is stated, varied from 14 to 16 cents a pound, the price of "substitute lard" openly sold as such in the market at the same time being 12 cents a pound. The profit made by the dealers from whom the adulterated samples were purchased was, therefore, it is estimated, about 3 cents a pound on every pound alleged to have been fraudulently sold.

ATTENTION OF WILSON
CALLED TO HOLIDAY LAW

Attention of President Wilson was directed today to the fact that section 1389 of the District code provides that every Saturday afternoon, from 12 o'clock noon, is a legal holiday in the District for all purposes. A committee from the Retail Merchants' Association, consisting of R. P. Andrews, president of the association, and Charles J. Columbus, its secretary, laid the information before Secretary Tumulty.

The President's secretary promised to take the matter up with the President at once, and it is hoped that the additional information now in the President's hands will result in his issuing an executive order granting Saturday half-holidays to all government employees December 12 and 13.

It was shown that in volume 25, opinions of the Attorney General, pages 40 to 45, J. C. McReynolds, former Attorney General and now a member of the Supreme Court, of the United States, holds that each and every Saturday afternoon, from 12 o'clock noon, is a legal holiday under the terms of section 1389 of the District code, enacted March 3, 1901, and amended by act of Congress June 20, 1902.

D. A. R. NATIONAL BOARD
MEETS IN CONFERENCE

The national board of management of the D. A. R. is in conference today in Memorial Continental Hall, with the president general, Mrs. William Cummings Story, in the chair, and state regents, who arrived in Washington last evening in attendance. Many new members were admitted and reports received from nearly all the states.

Mrs. Story is to preside at a meeting of the Memorial Continental Hall committee. It is understood that several large contributions to the fund are to be announced. Reports are to be received on the work being done by the chapters and state organizations throughout the country assisting the Red Cross war relief work. Some of the states have recorded large contributions.

At the Movies.

From Judge.

Team. Why were you weeping in the picture show?

Jess. It was a moving picture.

AMUSEMENTS

Frank Speaight's "Pickwick."

If Frank Speaight's mission in the world be to win admirers for Dickens, unequal characters drawn from the humanity around the famous English novelist, it needs but a wider publicity to make that mission a success. With-out costume, makeup or scenery, Mr. Speaight is inimitable in bringing before the eyes of his audiences each figure that has charmed in the mind of a clever actor would conceive it, making it a real delight. This is what he has been doing and what he did yesterday afternoon at the Belasco in five episodes from the famous novel, "Pickwick Papers," giving real pleasure to those who heard him. But he merits a larger audience at his next lecture, December 15, at 4:30 o'clock, when "Micawber—Waiting for Something to Turn Up," will be his topic.

Harry Lauder Friday.

Harry Lauder will make his appearance at the Belasco Theater Friday afternoon. His present visit to this country marks his seventh annual tour in America under the direction of William Morris. He has a number of new songs in his repertoire, as "The Nice to Get Up in the Morning," "But Nice to Lie in Bed," "Ta Ta, My Bonnie Maggie Darlin'," and "The Sodger," which were sung with great success in London last season. His supporting company includes Alfred Latell and Elsa Vokes, in "A Dog of Fantasy"; Irene Bercey, in "Hungarian Gypsy"; and Albert Donnelly, "The silent humorist." Erno Rapee, a noted Hungarian pianist; Marjorie and Sylvester and Jed and Ethel Doolley.

"Thirty Leagues Under the Sea."

It is not often the theater-going public is given an opportunity to take a trip to the bottom of the ocean. That, however, is just what is promised in "Thirty Leagues Under the Sea," which is to be presented next week at the Columbia Theater, beginning Sunday afternoon, and those who witness the remarkable series of motion pictures will be accorded the rare privilege of wandering about on the very floor of old ocean itself.

The pictures were taken last spring by the Williamson submarine expedition to the West Indies, and were made possible by an invention of Capt. Williamson, known as the Williamson submarine. This is a small, portable apparatus that may be lowered into the sea to the extent of many hundreds of feet, enabling a photographer, seated behind a glass window at its lower end, to take pictures at close range.

Dr. F. N. Glover will explain the pictures and conduct the audience on a voyage over this ground, showing the various wonders of the deep, and about 100 miles, come out at San Salvador, where Columbus is said to have landed.

The beholder is led into the very midst of the strange and fantastic creatures that peopled the floor of the ocean. The convict fish, with its zebra-like stripes; the parrot fish, an unusual, hitherto unknown species; the interesting little pilot fish, that parasite of the man-eating shark; and the terrible shark itself are a few of the wonders to be seen in this trip through the varying scenic miles of marine gardens. Then there are the current and the wreck of what was once an old blockade runner, with George Williamson, in a diver's helmet, lowered to inspect the wreck. Suddenly out of the translucent distance a treacherous man-eating shark darts into the picture, and Mr. Williamson is frantically hauled to the surface, while his brother Ernest, stripped to the waist and provided with a long knife, dives to encounter the shark. Then follows the most sensational motion picture ever made, a combat between a man and a shark.

"Ben-Hur."

During the fifteen years since the first presentation of "Ben-Hur," Klaw & Erlanger have made many superb investitures as background for the great story penned by Gen. Wallace, but none of them, not even the great production which they sent to London last year, is said to compare with that which will be shown at the New National Theater next week. Every device known to the theateric mechanic, every artifice that tends to produce illusion in the scenic world, every new thing in electricity and stage lighting, it is said, has been brought to bear in making Klaw & Erlanger's new Panama-Pacific exposition production of "Ben-Hur" the greatest yet seen in America.

The picturesque beauty of the scenery in Palestine, Syria and Egypt, the coloring of sky and foliage, the rich-hued garments and gaudy caparisoning of man and beast in the orient are brought together to form a never-to-be-forgotten picture of eastern magnificence.

"Ben-Hur" comes for one week, com-

"Damon and Pythias."

The Universal Company's photo dramatic spectacle of "Damon and Pythias" will be shown in this city for two weeks, beginning next Monday, at the Belasco Theater. Indorsed by eminent authorities for its faithfulness in representation and its influences for education and uplift, it has attracted widespread attention.

The story of the friendship of these Grecian noblemen is extolled as the greatest example of man's loyalty to his brother man ever written in the history of the world. Occurring in the period when Greece was at the height of her pomp and glory, it has been produced with magnificent scenic and atmospheric surroundings. Bookings already have been made far ahead to insure seats and to avoid "standing room," which is said to be inevitable wherever it is presented. The exhibitions will be given daily at 3 and 8:30 p.m.

Bessie Clayton Sextet.

At the B. F. Keith Theater next week Bessie Clayton, assisted by Lester Sheehan and the Clayton sextet, will appear in a dance spectacle, "The Dances of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Miss Clayton, who is a premiere danseuse of some of the best of the Broadway musical attractions in the city, will give "An Intimate Musical Revue." Paul Morton of the "Four Mortons and Naomi Glass, a new musical satire, "Before and After," and "Ideal," fancy swimmer and acrobatic diver, an aquatic exhibition, and other certain matinees, instruct women and children in swimming, with a boys' contest. Wednesday afternoon, "The Red Widow" fame, Mrs. Gene Hughes and her company, "The Gipsy," Lou Anger and Mabelle Sherman and Arthur Littry.

Sunday the concerts at 3 and 8:15 p.m. will present this week's attractions, led by the English beauty, Kitty Gordon, and company.

"Charley's Aunt."

"Charley's Aunt," one of the most successful farce comedies ever written, judged from the fact that it holds the world's record for the longest continuous run ever scored by a theatrical entertainment—1,460 nights at the Globe Theater, London—will be the offering of the Poli Players next week. It has been revived frequently in other cities, how- ever, notably New York, and, at the present time, is scoring a great success at the Burbank Theater, Los Angeles, where it has run for a number of weeks.

Margaret Anglin Coming.

Under an arrangement just consummated in Plainfield, N. J., by James Sheegreen, manager for Margaret Anglin, that star will be the Christmas as well as the New Year attraction at the Columbia Theater. She will open Christmas night in this city and continue throughout the end of the following weeks. In order to permit this, it is said, the Plainfield manager was paid a liberal bonus to cancel his contract, which covered both Christmas and the following day.

Fuller Sisters Tomorrow.

The Fuller Sisters' recital of folk songs of old England, Ireland and Wales will begin at the Belasco Theater tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. It promises to be an unusual and as thoroughly enjoyable entertainment, for these three English girls are undeniably in a class by themselves. They appear in the costumes of early Victorian days and accompany themselves on a real Irish harp.

"India and Ceylon" Sunday.

Harry C. Ostrander's last travel talk will be given at the Belasco Theater Sunday evening. His subject is announced as "India and Ceylon," two countries with which he is especially familiar, having traveled through them for hundreds of miles in precisely the same way as the natives travel. The illustrations which Mr. Ostrander will show are said to be unusually fine and particularly noteworthy because they show so much of the real nature and habits of the natives they depict.

Bispham Recital Friday.

David Bispham's song recital will be given at the Columbia Theater Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The exceptional program promised is a combination of classic, operatic and modern songs, all to be rendered in native tongue. As the climax a novelty to the concert stage will follow in a recitation of Longfellow's "King Robert of Sicily" to music specially composed by Rosseter G. Cole.

Burton Holmes Sunday.

"Germany and Austria" will be the subject of Burton Holmes' travelogue to be delivered at the Columbia Theater Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock and repeated in its entirety the following afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Starting from Hamburg, with a little visit to Heligoland, Mr. Holmes will, by the aid of motion pictures and colored slides, take his audience throughout the length and breadth of the countries of his topic, treating his subject from the standpoint of traveler and artist.

"Globe Trotters."

"The Globe Trotters" is the attraction billed to appear at the Gayety Theater next week. It is described as a new and delightful burlesque entertainment in two acts. Leo Kendal and Eddie Collins, German and Irish comedians, are the principal funmakers. They will be assisted by a cast of fifteen people and an excellent singing and dancing chorus of twenty-five. Etta Joerns is the prima donna, and heads the feminine contingent. She is seconded by Frankie Rice, soubrette. Other include Misses Lutz, Edith Mirfield, Billie Moore, Madge Darrel, Don Trent, Florence Davenport and Rob Algers. The piece is said to be a revelation in the way of scenery, cast, music and chorus.

Majestic.

Hilarious but hard comedy, exceptional vocal features and songs and dances, with a chorus that has ginger and snap, are some of the promised characteristics of the entertainment to be given by the new Majestic Stock Company at the Majestic Theater next week. Two new burlettas, with several novelties and surprises, will be included in the offering, with new costumes, new scenery and electrical effects.

BLIND LIBRARY ELECTS
ITS NATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Ernest W. Roberts, the President, Explains the System Employed and the Work Done.

The blind want to keep up with the times, and crave the same books that others read, declared Mrs. Ernest W. Roberts, president of the National Library for the Blind, 1720 H street northwest, last night. Mrs. Roberts was re-elected president of the library at the business meeting, and at the reception following she explained to the guests what the library is doing. "The blind do not wish to be considered in a class by themselves," said Mrs. Roberts, who is the wife of Representative Roberts of Massachusetts. "They wish to take their part in the world's work. When it comes to reading they like the same books that you and I enjoy. Winston Churchill's 'The Inside of the Cup,' for instance, is a favorite."

Mrs. Roberts advocated the universal adoption of the English Braille system, and said that twenty-three countries now use it, although there are five different types in existence and in use.

Need Standard Type.

"If we can get one standard type," she said, "we do not care so much what it is, but with the understanding that twenty-three countries have adopted the English Braille, it is hardly possible that they will come to us. So we should go to them."

The English Braille type is that used at the library. Last night three blind employees of the library showed the guests how they worked the typewriter, impress slates and the printing press. During the year just ending the library printed 38,700 Braille pages. The employees are actively at work now on making a calendar for 1915, a part of which work was done last night.

Officers were re-elected as follows: Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, honorary president; Mrs. Roberts, president; Miss Etta Josephine Giffin, director; Charles J. Bell, treasurer; Miss Edith Long, assistant treasurer, and Miss Helen Keller, chairman of the board of counselors.

New Secretary Chosen.

Mrs. A. W. Spanhoff was appointed recording secretary to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Ella Loraine Dorsey. Miss Dorsey was unanimously elected honorary secretary of the library.

Miss Giffin, the director, in showing the guests around the library, explained that a circulating library is an absolute necessity in the work, as the

books take up so much space that no ordinary person could have enough space to house them even if they could afford to buy them.

"The Inside of the Cup" takes nine very large volumes, and "The Rosary," five large volumes. The local library, she said, is sending books to forty-four states, even as far away as Alaska. Besides books, the library is stocked with games for the blind, and weekly entertainments are a feature.

Among the guests were Representative Roberts, the Misses Long, Mrs. Murray M. Motter, Mrs. Axel Ford, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Churchill Cook, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kingsman, Mrs. William E. Clark, Miss Blanche Hoopes, Mrs. Moore, Miss Nelson, Mrs. William Hitz and Mrs. William Lewis.

Empty Automobile Found Wrecked.

A badly smashed automobile was found in Iowa Circle this morning. Its condition suggested that its occupants had been injured, but the police were unable to find any trace of those who occupied it at the time of the accident.

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